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Subject: End of Day -- October 6, 2017

Have a great long weekend!

PRESS

Media advisory issued: U.S. EPA to announce funding to protect and restore San Francisco Bay

- Oakland North (Drew Costley) [Received 10/6] OPEN UC Berkeley student reporter would like to attend event if any of the funded projects are in Oakland. Checking with program. WTR, Michele Huitric
- Ark Newspaper (Gretchen Lang) [Received 10/6] OPEN Environmental reporter would like to know if any of the award recipients are based at the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies. Checking with program. WTR, Michele Huitric
- **Richmond Confidential** (James Steinbauer) OPEN UC Berkeley student reporter would like to attend event. Note: Reporter has open request with HQ about Richmond lab relocation. WTR, Michele Huitric

KQED (Ted Goldberg) [Received 10/6] – OPEN – Reporter is asking for status of Valero's response to EPA's recent information request. Working with program on response. SF, ORC, Michele Huitric

Marin Independent Journal (Mark Prado) [Received 10/2] – OPEN – Reporter is doing a story on sewer system improvements in Marin County and contacted program with questions about orders from 2008. Working with program on response. DDL: 10/6. ENF, Michele Huitric

Freelance writer (Laura Newberry) [Received 10/2] – CLOSED – UC Berkeley student reporter is working on a story about the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup. In follow-up to earlier questions, she is now asking if we have any documents that describe how the Navy is taking sea level rise and earthquakes into account as it remediates the land. Sent reporter links to public documents about the site, including design report for Parcel E-2. SF, Michele Huitric

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Children's Health – Posted to our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages about Children's Health Month and poisoning prevention and linked to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's <u>Poisoning Prevention</u> site.

Web Updates:

Navajo Nation/Uranium Mines – Published text updates to numerous pages on our <u>Navajo Nation: Cleaning Up Abandoned Uranium Mines</u> site.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52): An final response (#R9-17-001-3312) was shared with MaryAnne Pintar, District Chief of Staff and Howard Ou, Field Representative in the Office of Congressman Scott Peters to his incoming letter to Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss regarding the hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego. A copy of the final outgoing response is available on request to Brent Maier.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), and Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ-2): A final response to a joint incoming letter (#AL-17-001-3204) from these Members regarding transboundary flows of raw sewage from Naco, Sonora, Mexico into Arizona and EPA's role and responsibilities was signed today by Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss. A copy of the final outgoing response is available on request to Brent Maier.

Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA-10): Today, Brent Maier shared a bi-weekly update drafted by Office of Regional Counsel's Sara Goldsmith on the Valley Wood/Coast Wood consent decree status requested by Mike Anderson, District Director, in the Office of Congressman Jeff Denham. We let their office know that EPA and DOJ anticipate that next week the federal and state agencies will be ready to send Coast Wood and Valley Wood the final Consent Decrees for their review and signature.

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA): Brent Maier has reached out to Sen Kamala Harris' San Diego Field Representative Rudy Vargas to ask him to "hold the date" of Wednesday, November 15th for a joint EPA/Marine Corp tour/briefing of the Camp Pendleton Superfund Site which Rudy Vargas had requested previously. Brent let Rudy Vargas know that as we get closer to the date, he will share additional information/logistics regarding the tour/briefing.

Upcoming Congressional, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32): Brent Maier has confirmed with the Congresswoman's District Chief of Staff Perla Hernandez a meeting with the Congresswoman and EPA Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss on Wednesday, October 18th from 8:30am – 10:00am in the Congresswoman's El Monte District Office. Brent spoke with the Congresswoman's Legislative Director Joe Sheehy and was told the Congresswoman would like to discuss only two topics, Los Angeles storm water and San Gabriel Superfund Site. A pre-brief with managers in our Water and Superfund Divisions is scheduled with Alexis on Monday, October 16th.

Thursday, October 19, 2017 - EPA to Meet with North Bay Water Reuse Authority – EPA HQ will meet with representatives of the North Bay Waster Reuse Authority (NBWRA) to receive updates on work the NBWRA has done in Northern California's Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties to generate a sustainable, drought proof water supply for agriculture, environmental restoration and municipal purposes. According to the Authority, NBWRA's success is based on an innovative partnership that leverages contributions from local, state and federal agencies, and can advance rapidly in the coming years with continued support from, among other sources, a combination new federally-backed water financing tools, existing state revolving loan program assistance, and limited state and federal grants. The NBWRA wants to continue its support for existing and new, innovative water infrastructure tools. They believe that new federal programs, such as WIFIA, and a similar program proposed for the Bureau of Reclamation in pending House legislation, can play a critical role in leveraging and accelerating significant non-federal support in critical water infrastructure. Brad Sherwood, Community & Government Affairs Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency, and David Rabbitt, District Supervisor, Sonoma County; Chair, Board of Directors, NBWRA, and Director, Sonoma County Water Agency, will represent the NBWRA. NBWRA officials last met with EPA in March of this year. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 - Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA): Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting in the Senator's Los Angeles Office with Julie Chavez Rodriguez, State Director with Steven Leonido-John, Director of our Southern California Field Office on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 2:00pm. Steven will travel to the Senator's Los Angeles Office in person and Brent will tie into the meeting via teleconference along with my Region 9 colleagues. We plan to provide staff with an overview of EPA's Southern California Field Office, highlight some Southern California Superfund Sites and our Brownfields Program in Southern California, EPA's Grants Program, and small drinking water systems compliance along with any other topics their office might have an interest in.

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